

US64 ASHEBORO BYPASS

NCDOT - PD&EA Branch
1548 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548



Transportation Improvement Program
Project No. R-2536

May 2003

Issue No. 4

The DEIS is approved!

A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the US 64 Asheboro Bypass was approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration in July 2002. The DEIS presents the nine detailed study alternatives for the proposed bypass along with the proposed North Carolina Zoo Connector.

The DEIS includes residential/business relocations, traffic, land use, air quality, noise, natural resources, hydraulics, archaeological resources, historic resources, visual impacts,

and construction impacts. This information provided a thorough overview of the existing environment, which was used to develop the nine detailed study alternatives and calculate their impacts on the human and natural environments. The findings in the DEIS, along with public comment, will aid local, state, and federal officials in choosing a preferred alternative.

We're coming to Asheboro!

The NCDOT will host a Pre-Hearing Open House and Corridor Public Hearing for the US 64 Asheboro Bypass this month!

Pre-Hearing Open House
National Guard Armory, Asheboro
Thursday, May 8, 2003
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Corridor Public Hearing
National Guard Armory, Asheboro
Thursday, May 22, 2003
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The **Pre-Hearing Open House** will be an informal, drop-in style workshop. Citizens are invited to stop by at any time during open house hours to discuss the project with NCDOT representatives. The Corridor Hearing Map will be displayed and copies of the DEIS will be available for review. Additional maps showing the preliminary roadway designs for each alternative will be available also.

A map of the Open-House and Hearing location (National Guard Armory) is included on page 2.

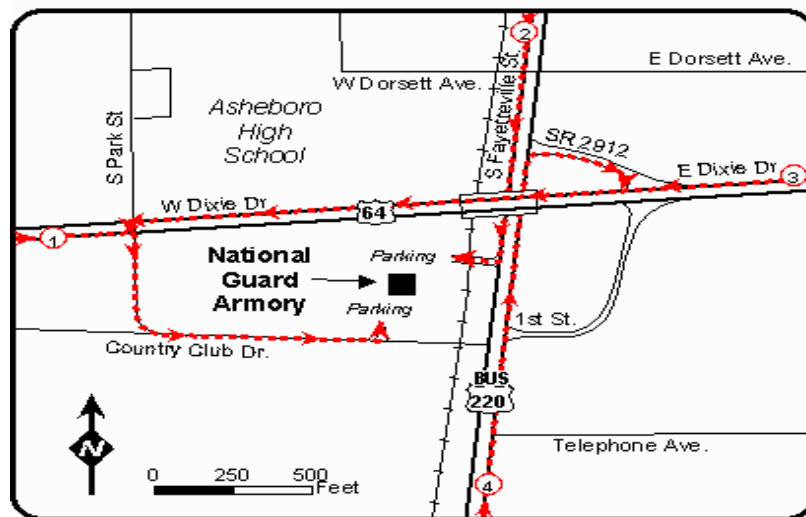
What will happen at the hearing?

The NCDOT will present the corridor public hearing map at the public hearing. The hearing map will illustrate the location of the nine detailed study corridors and the Zoo Connector in relationship to regional landmarks, local roadways, residential communities and commercial and industrial areas (see page 3).

A formal presentation of the project will be given at the corridor public hearing on May 22, 2003. Comments may

be presented before and after the hearing, or a public statement may be made during the hearing. A sign-up sheet will be available for those who wish to speak at the formal hearing and written comments will be accepted in person or by mail. The hearing will be recorded and made part of the public record.

Where are the meetings?



Directions to Meetings at
National Guard Armory, 1430 S Fayetteville St:

- ① From West (Lexington):
Take US 64 (W Dixie Dr) to S Park St
Turn Right onto S Park St
Turn Left onto Country Club Dr
Turn Left into Armory.
- ② From North:
Go South on US 220 Bus (S Fayetteville St)
Cross under US 64 (Dixie Dr) Overpass
Turn Right into Armory.
- ③ From East (Raleigh):
Take US 64 (E then W Dixie Dr) to S Park St
Turn Left onto S Park St
Turn Left onto Country Club Dr
Turn Left into Armory.
- ④ From South (Seagrove)
Go North on US 220 Bus (S Fayetteville St)
Cross under US 64 (Dixie Dr) Overpass
Take immediate exit to Right onto US 64 (Dixie Dr)
Follow directions for ③ (from East).

How does the Planning Process work?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies undertaking an action using federal funds to evaluate the adverse and beneficial impacts of that action on the human and natural environments. The NEPA process is divided into eight steps, as indicated in the chart below.

Step 1 Data Collection and inventory of planning issues Study area/preliminary corridor development	Step 5 Hold a Pre-Hearing Open House Hold a Formal Corridor Public Hearing
Step 2 First Citizens Informational Workshop Identify community concerns and perform field studies Second Citizens Informational Workshop Selection of alternatives for detailed study	Step 6 Review comments on DEIS Review public comment and hearing transcript Select the preferred alternative
Step 3 Engineering and detailed field studies Environmental analyses	Step 7 Complete preliminary engineering designs Final environmental document
Step 4 Draft environmental document (DEIS)	Step 8 Design Public Hearing

The Asheboro Bypass is in Step 5.

How else can the Public participate?

In addition to the coming pre-hearing open house and corridor public hearing, there are several ways for the public to participate. Phone-in and mail contact, project website, and small group meetings inform the public about the project and provide opportunities for input.

The toll-free telephone number (1-800-206-1373) was established for citizens to contact the project team. A message is provided in English and Spanish.

The webpage (www.ncdot.org/projects/asheboro) was setup to provide current project information such as: project

schedule, past meeting activities, past newsletters, answers to frequently asked questions, and general information about the process and the NCDOT.

Citizens can also participate in the project through small group meetings designed to give neighborhood associations, church groups, and other civic groups a chance to address their specific project concerns in informal question-and-answer sessions. A small group meeting can be arranged by contacting Mr. Roger Lewis, Project Manager, Earth Tech, at 1-800-206-1373, or Mr. John Conforti, Consultant Manager, NCDOT, at 1-919-733-7844, ext. 208.

Contacts for US 64 Project Questions or Comments

Questions and comments regarding the US 64 Improvements may be directed to either of the following:

Mr. John Conforti

Consultant Manager
Project Development and Environmental Analysis
North Carolina Department of Transportation
1548 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548

Mr. Roger Lewis

Project Manager
Earth Tech
701 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 475
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607-5074

Check out the project website and hotline for the latest project information:



www.ncdot.org/projects/asheboro/

1-800-206-1373



Earth Tech
701 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 475
Raleigh, NC 27607-5074

Mailing List Information

A computerized mailing list of persons interested in the proposed project is continually updated for newsletters, informational workshops, and announcements. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to receive newsletters and other informative notices for this project, call the project hotline at **1-800-206-1373** or complete the form below. Clip and mail to the address on the right.

Mr. Roger Lewis

Project Manager
Earth Tech
701 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 475
Raleigh, NC 27607-5074

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Neighborhood Organization/Affiliation: _____

Comments: _____